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Reflecting on 2012 and looking ahead at 2013

2012 is behind us and we can testify that God has truly moved in miraculous ways. We enjoyed many highlights and also faced some challenges.

We have built 6 houses, sustained 30 jobs throughout the year, hosted 3 groups from the USA and more than 20 German volunteers worked at Mosaic throughout the year. We received tremendous amounts of media coverage on national television (Kwêla – Kyknet) and 3 national magazines (Rooi Rose, Sarie & Leef). We were chosen as one of 15 non-profits to be part of a campaign (Nation Builder) that promotes informed giving among corporates on a national level. We received significant funding from a high profile listed company (AngloGold Ashanti) and we've seen more than 97% of 2011 donors, donating again in 2012, confirming that we are moving in the right direction.

But all the above mentioned achievements are of secondary importance. The essence of what we do at Mosaic is being an instrument in changing lives. Especially the lives of orphans. And if anything, that is what we walked away with from 2012. And that is our renewed commitment for 2013. To not focus on the things we achieve but on the people who we work with.

To achieve this in 2013 we are investing much more time and money in our afterschool program, in one-on-one time with parents, bible studies, life skills training with parents and intentional discussions and conversations with employees and volunteers.

Mosaic centre expansion

Our year definitely kicked off on a high note as we started construction on the expansion of our community/training centre. This expansion will provide us with three times the space we currently have at our community/training centre. The expansion will be used to facilitate our afterschool program more effectively, to host all our parents at parent meetings and parent training, to accommodate more employees

at our job creation initiatives and provide management and volunteers with office space to be more effective with administrating Mosaic.

With our end of year fundraising initiatives in the USA we were able to secure one third of the funding for this project, and we hope to secure the other two thirds of the funding by the end of February. This will put us in the position to finish this project by the end of May 2013.

Closing Mosaic Preschool

There comes a time during the existence of any organisation that moving forward means making tough decisions. During 2012 our Foster Home program and with that the afterschool program and job creation program grew a lot. These programs form the core of what we do at Mosaic, orphan care. We have thus, after a long process of praying, thinking and talking about it decided to close our preschool as it does not contribute 100% to our core vision of creating self-sustainable within orphan care.

We connected with a local organisation who is involved with 30 preschools in our area to make sure that we refer our children to preschools where we know they will be well taken care of.

Closing the preschool means that we can now focus all our resources on our Foster Home, Afterschool and Job creation programs during 2013.